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FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1886.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A Republican convention for the county of Addison will be held at the town hall in Middlebury, on Wednesday, the 23d day of June, 1886, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officers to be supported on the ticket on the first day of number next.

In accordance with long-time custom, each town is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for every two thousand persons cast for the Republican candidate for governor on the state ticket, the last preceding the nomination convention, and one delegate for each fraction of twenty-five votes exceeding one-half, and the subjoined list is made on this basis. The nomination will be made at a seven-day public meeting on the primary meeting day, and the delegation of delegates, and the delegates will provide themselves with proper credentials, signed by the chairman and secretary of the primary meeting, which evidence may be presented to the county committee, which shall be prima facie evidence of their election.

We would suggest that the several committees select and make recommendation to the county committee of suitable persons to be appointed to town committees for the two years ensuing.

L. D. ELDRIDGE,
H. C. MARTIN,
D. H. BENNETT,
D. M. CLARK,
J. R. FAY,
dated at Middlebury, the 23d day of May, A.D. 1886.

The following is the apportionment of delegates to which the several towns in the county are entitled:

Alton, 5; Bridport, 7; Bristol, 13; Cornwall, 10; Ferrisburgh, 6; Goshen, 4; Granville, 6; Hinsdale, 4; Leicester, 4; Lincoln, 11; Middlebury, 22; Monkton, 8; New Haven, 11; Orwell, 8; Panton, 4; Ripon, 5; Salisbury, 2; Shoreham, 6; Starkfield, 6; Vergennes, 16; Waltham, 4; Weybridge, 6; Whiting, 4; Total, 186.
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THE life of Bavaria's crazy king had a fitting close. He was deposed about two weeks ago, and on Friday last jumped into a lake in the palace grounds and was drowned.

THE Maine Republican convention, composed of more than 1000 delegates, nominated Hon. J. R. Bodwell, a granite dealer of Hallowell, for governor, the other day. He is a political friend of Mr. Blaine.

AS to county politics not much remains to be said. The indications are that Messrs. Stanley and Nash are almost certain to receive the nomination for Senators, and that is the main subject to come before next week's convention.

RUTLAND county politics have assumed a curious phase. Because the Republican convention did not nominate John A. Sheldon for Senator for the reason that he wouldn't come out for Mr. Edmunds, the *Telegram*, a newspaper which his friends control, is trying to get up a bolt. This is the organ that has devoted its energies for a year past to annihilating Mr. Edmunds on account of his alleged "disloyalty" to his party in 1884.

It is charged that Mr. Edmunds is not in favor of the oleomargarine bill pending in the Senate. We know the contrary to be the fact. Early in the history of the measure a gentleman in this country wrote him, asking his opinion as to the matter, and in reply Mr. Edmunds said that he was interested in the question and should be glad to see the trade in bogus butter restricted, and also that he believed the taxing method the most practical of any suggested.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The nomination of Mr. Ormsbee to the governorship ought to be a source of satisfaction to all friends of good government. He went into the canvass on his own merits; and was nominated, not through the efforts of any ring or clique, but by the aid of those who believed him the worthier candidate and were opposed to machine tactics. That he will do the State excellent service in the future as in the past, those who know him best feel assured.

As between the candidates for the second place on the ticket the people of this part of the State had no particular choice. But the announcement by Col. Hooker, that Col. Fuller would not come up for the governorship, captured the convention. This, with the absurd nominating speeches of Col. Fairbanks' advocates, assured Col. Fuller's success.

The renomination of the remainder of the ticket was a foregone conclusion, and probably nothing better could have been done.

The motive for springing the railroad commission resolution on the convention is a mystery. The theory that Mr. Martin, who was one of Mr. Batchelder's chief tuglemen, hoped thereby to improve his friend's chances, is reasonable. It reacted, however, and killed Mr. Batchelder, though he was pretty thoroughly slaughtered before.

The resolutions are chiefly noteworthy for the temperance plank, which contains a fair statement of the position of the party with reference to prohibition and of its intention to maintain that position hereafter.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

MESSRS. ORMSBEE AND FULLER NOMINATED.

The Republican State convention, which met at the rink in Montpelier on Wednesday, nominated Lieut.-Gov. Ormsbee of Brandon for governor and Col. Levi K. Fuller of Brattleboro for lieutenant governor, renominated Secretary of State Chas. E. Porter of Montpelier, Treasurer Wm. H. DuBois of West Randolph and Auditor of Accounts E. Henry Powell of Riptord, and passed a lot of resolutions.

It was a large convention, composed of over six hundred of the representative men of the State. Addison county had a full delegation. The proceedings practically opened on Tuesday, when the most of the delegates were in Montpelier and made a night of it talking over the virtues of the candidates for the two chief offices and to all intents and purposes settling the governorship matter before the convention met. There were also many there not delegates on the previous evening to look after the interests of their friends. Among these workers were Hon. J. M. Dyer and Frank C. Atwood of Salisbury and George Hammond of Middlebury. The result of the convention, so far at least as the governorship was concerned, was a triumph of square honest fighting against machine methods and railroad influence. For once the people of Vermont, and not the politicians, said who should hold the highest office in the State.

The assemblage was called to order at 10 o'clock by Hon. Warren Gibbs of St. Albans, chairman of the State committee; and prayer was offered by Rev. Peter Merrill of Enosburgh. The roll-call showed about 620 delegates present. Hon. Frank Plumley was named by the committee as temporary chairman, and F. W. Baldwin of Barton and W. R. Page of Rutland as secretaries. This temporary organization was subsequently made permanent on motion of Hon. G. W. Grindley of Vergennes, Hon. G. G. Benedict of Burlington and Col. A. F. Walker of Rutland were made a committee to escort Mr. Plumley to the chair. On taking it he said that one of the objects of the convention was to reassert our confidence in the Republican party and our belief in its capacity to conduct the affairs of the State and nation. In its early youth the party took a dismembered country, and, after restoring its integrity, it was turned over to the party now in power. The party had always taken firm ground on the vital issues which arose. Some of these questions had been settled, but there were others, of great importance, which must still be dealt with. He mentioned as one of these questions that of the protection of American industries; another was that of temperance, on which the Republicans of Vermont had always been sound. Though the star of Vermont may be small, it never sets. To her the nation looks for expression of the best Republicanism, and it is never disappointed. Mr. Plumley closed with a tribute to the Vermont brigade.

Then came the most astounding exhibition of cheek ever witnessed in the State. Hon. J. L. Martin of Brattleboro, ex-speaker of the House of Representatives, submitted a resolution that "this convention instruct the next legislature to establish an efficient railroad commission." He proposed that the resolution be at once put upon its passage. Col. John B. Mead of Randolph moved the appointment of a committee of nine on resolutions, to whom this and all other resolutions should be referred. Col. A. B. Franklin of Newfane expressed a hope that the resolution would be acted on at once; but Col. Mead thought such proceeding would be a reflection on the committee on resolutions. C. N. Parker of Royalton could not see why the resolution was jumped on the convention in this fashion. We needed a railroad commission, but he did not wish the Central Vermont railroad to bring up the matter in such a way as this. Col. Walker of Rutland said he was glad to see Mr. Martin had become a convert to the railroad commission idea, which he himself had advocated two years ago. Mr. Martin replied that he had always favored a railroad commission, and he refuted the charge that the Central Vermont had anything to do with the resolution. Col. S. M. Pingree remarked that the late speaker of the House had had abundant opportunity to air himself, and seconded Col. Mead's motion as above. It was voted that a committee on resolutions be appointed, and that all resolutions be referred to it. The resolutions committee was thus made up: Col. John B. Mead of Randolph, Hon. G. G. Benedict of Burlington, L. O. Green of Woodstock, P. K. Gleed of Morrisville, G. C. Noble of St. Albans, L. M. Read of Bellows Falls, Josiah Grout of Derby, C. D. Brainerd of Danville, F. D. Barton of Waltham. Two resolutions were introduced and referred to the committee on resolutions, in whose report they appear.

The convention then proceeded to nominate a candidate for governor. The name of Mr. Ormsbee was presented by Col. A. F. Walker of Rutland, who spoke in high terms of his ability, integrity and usefulness. He alluded to the duties of governor and urged the necessity of firmness and capacity in the incumbent of the office. It was the best presentation speech of the day, straight to the point and well suited to the purpose in view.

Mr. Ormsbee's name was seconded by Hon. F. E. Woodbridge, Col. S. M. Pingree, Gen. P. P. Pitkin of Montpelier, Hon. G. G. Benedict and Col. J. B. Mead.

Hon. John V. Carney of Bennington presented the claims of Mr. Batchelder. He thought all that had been said in favor of Mr. Ormsbee's ability and honesty could with equal justice be applied to Mr. Batchelder, whose rise from poverty to his present position he described. In closing he told how Bennington county had failed to get what he considered its share of State offices of late years. The nomination was seconded by men from Essex, Chittenden and Grand Isle counties, by Major Arms of Springfield and Col. Franklin. Col. Franklin thought that inasmuch as the county of Bennington had furnished the only Democratic governor the State ever had we didn't want another from that county. A. E. Stanley of Leicester seconded Mr. Ormsbee's nomination, saying many good and true things in his favor. The Batchelder faction evidently feared the effect of Mr. Stanley's remarks, as they attempted to drown them by stamping.

The ballot was then taken, with one voter from each county. Mr. Wilds of Middlebury acting for Addison. The result of the ballot was:

Whole number of votes.....593

Necessary to a choice.....362

E. J. Ormsbee had.....362

J. B. Mead had.....46

Luke P. Polson had.....46

W. G. Veazey had.....45

Scattering.....12

and Mr. Ormsbee was declared the nominee of the convention. The nomination was made unanimous, on motion of Judge Carney.

The convention then took a recess till two o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The first business of the afternoon was to nominate a candidate for Lieutenant-governor. H. C. Bates, a St. Johnsbury lawyer, presented the name of Col. Franklin Fairbanks of that town in the stupidest speech of the day. He gave a genealogy of the Fairbanks family for two or three generations, described at great length their contributions to benevolent objects and delivered a glowing eulogy on Col. Franklin Fairbanks. Major Josiah Grout of Derby seconded the nomination in a sophomoric and long-winded fashion that did not help his man very much. Mr. Fairbanks' nomination was also seconded by ex-Gov. Proctor and ex-Gov. Farnham.

Col. G. W. Hooker of Brattleboro presented the name of his townsmen, Col. Levi K. Fuller, of whom he spoke in terms of high praise. The manufacturing interests of that section of the State demanded recognition, he said, and that was one of the reasons the people there had in bringing forward a candidate. He further announced that Mr. Fuller would not be a candidate for the governorship two years hence. The nomination of Mr. Fuller was seconded by Mr. Woodbridge, Hon. Lyman G. Hinckley of Chelsea, Col. A. F. Walker, N. C. Parker of Royalton, Judge Carney and Gen. A. F. Davis of Cavendish. The ballot resulted:

Whole number of votes.....577

Necessary to a choice.....362

L. K. Fuller had.....45

Franklin Fairbanks had.....145

Col. Fuller's nomination was made unanimous on motion of Major Grout.

The secretary of State, Chas. E. Porter of Montpelier; the State treasurer, Wm. H. DuBois of West Randolph, and the auditor of accounts, E. Henry Powell of Riptord, were nominated by acclamation.

This State committee, of one member from each county, was elected: Addison, Hon. G. W. Grindley; Bennington, Chas. E. Wellington; Vergennes; Caledonia, Franklin Fairbanks; St. Johnsbury; Chittenden, M. A. Bingham; Essex; Essex, S. D. Hobson; Brattleboro; Franklin, Olin Merrill; St. Albans; Grand Isle, A. R. Manning; Alburgh; Lamoille, C. S. Page; Hyde Park; Orange, J. C. Stearns; Bradford; Orleans, F. W. Baldwin; Barton; Rutland, W. R. Page; Rutland; Washington, P. P. Pitkin; Montpelier; Windham, L. M. Read; Bellows Falls; Windsor, L. O. Greene; Woodstock.

Then, after Col. Mead, chairman, had reported for the committee on resolutions, the convention adjourned.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Republicans of Vermont maintain and declare their firm adherence to the principles of the party, which, in the nation at large, embodies the best statesmanship, the highest patriotism, the soundest judgment, the most complete and disinterested devotion to the welfare of the American people, and which has given to this State for thirty years an unbroken succession of State governments of unsurpassed purity, efficiency and success.

Resolved, That the Democratic party during its present course of the government has given to the country none of the reforms and improvements promised by it; has shown its lack of leaders competent to grapple with the living issues of our day; and has already demonstrated to the entire world that its policy is that of old, outworn and to the protection of American industry, opposed to practical economy and retrenchment of national expenses, opposed to civil service reform, and unable to be trusted with the government of the nation.

Resolved, That whatever may be the case elsewhere, the course of the national administration in reference to the disposal of red-tarred offices in this State, in committing the appointment to party bosses, in supressing patriotic officers with other eligible persons, in evading civil service rules, attached by an Democratic committee to an important appointment, does not show that the Democratic party is still, as of old, opposed to the protection of American industry, opposed to practical economy and retrenchment of national expenses, opposed to civil service reform, and unable to be trusted with the government of the nation.

Resolved, That we commend to Republicans everywhere the policy of dropping past differences of opinion, of working together with us to secure pure politics and good government; of closing up the ranks in preparation for the next national contest, and of thus presenting the firm and united front, without which we will fail to restore the government to Republican control.

Resolved, That we deplore the multifarious evils of intemperance; we reaffirm the position of the Republican party in this State upon that question, and declare in our opinion that the influence of the liquor traffic, etc., he should and remain the settled policy of the State. And further, that as the influence of the liquor saloon is debasing in politics as it is baleful in social life, the Republican party should everywhere reject all overtures for open or

secret alliance with it. And that the State committee this day appointed be instructed to select delegates to represent the State in the coming National Anti-Saloon conference which will be held in Chicago.

Resolved, That we call the attention of the Legislature to the passage of laws establishing both State and national railroad commissions.

Resolved, That the Republicans of Vermont receive the movement for the establishment of a national Anti-Saloon conference in Congress to all legal means in their power to secure the passage of the bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and to protect the people against spurious and adulterated compounds sold under the name of butter.

Resolved, That we commend to the candidates this day nominated to the cordial and united support of the Republicans of Vermont at the

recognition of the movement of Vermont.

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly request our representatives in Congress to use all legal means in their power to secure the passage of the bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and to protect the people against spurious and adulterated compounds sold under the name of butter.

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